(b) The question of a joint defence pact with Pakistan is not under consideration. Government have taken note of the Pakistan Prime Minister's response on the subject.

Widening the Cooperation with USSR in Aviation Sector

3375. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals to widen cooperation between USSR and India in the fields of production of civil aircraft, construction of airports, training in catering and management etc.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the views of Government on various aspects of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Protocols have been signed between India and USSR for wider cooperation in the aviation sector. The areas covered are (1) facilities to be provided to Aeroflot at the Institute of Airport Management in New Delhi; (2) participation in joint ventures for Airport Terminal Building construction, flight kitchen and duty free shop at Tashkent and other airports; (3) wet-leasing of aircraft by Aeroflot to Indian Airlines; (4) joint operations by Aeroflot and Air India; (5) operation of domestic cargo services in India by IL-76 aircraft currently on charter agreement between Air India and Aeroflot; (6) operation of one way charter cargo operation from Delhi to Moscow by Air India.

Discussions were also held between the delegations of Government of India and USSR for the joint production of civil transport aircraft but views in this regard are yet to be crystallized.

Loss to flying Aircraft by Bird-hit incidents

3376. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 42 given in Rajya Sabha on the 2nd November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the number of accidents caused by bird hits after September, 1988; and

(b) what was the total loss due to bird hit accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) There has been no accident to any aircraft due to bird-hits since September, 1988. However, there have been 66 incidents of comparatively minor nature during this period in which the estimated cost of repairs to aircraft is Rs. 11,72,885/-.

Loss suffered by Vayudoot

3377. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cumulative loss suffered by Vayudoot during the last four years; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to rectify this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The cumulative loss suffered by Vayudoot during the last four years amount to Rs. 10.18 crores approximately.

(b) The Government has provided adequate budgetary support for Vayudoot from time to time and assisted in securing short term inter-corporate loans. Vayudoot has also been assisted in securing concessions in landing and RNF charges, payment of sales tax on

ATF and acquisition of turbo-prop aircraft from Indian Airlines at book value. The following measures have also been suggested to Vayudoot for improving their financial position:—

(i) Rationalisation of faro structure;

(ii) Identification and discontinuance of such routes as have failed to break-oven over a period of time;

(iii) Selection of new stations on viability factor as far as possible.

New set up to promote Tourism

3378. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to have a new set up to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the impact of the proposed set up on the employment potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government is considering a proposal for setting up a National Tourism Board for coordinating the tourism development activities in the country. Details of the Board are yet to be worked out.

जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय में अनियमितताएं

3379. **श्री देव प्रसाद राय:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय में बरती जा रही प्रशासनिक और वित्तीय अनियमितताओं के संबंध में 8 मार्च, 1989 के "हिन्दुस्तान" और "जनसत्ता" में प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई जांच करायी है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो जांच की रिपोर्ट क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एल० पी० साही) (क) जी हां।

(ख) से (घ) जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वविद्यालय के अनुसार आरोपों की जांच अभिपुष्टि नहीं हुई है।

निरक्षरता उन्मूलन के कार्यक्रम

5380. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रधान मंत्री के सलाहकार श्री सैम पित्रोदा ने स्वीकार किया है कि देश में निरक्षरता उन्मूलन के लिये शुरू किये गये कार्यक्रम अभी तक प्रभावकारी सिद्ध नहीं हुए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में भावी कार्यक्रमों की कोई रूपरेखायें तैयार की हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस प्रकार निर्धारित किये गये भावी लक्ष्य क्या हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एल०पी० साही) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता मिशन का लक्ष्य 1995 तक 15–35 आयु-वर्ग के 8 करोड़ प्रौढ़ निरक्षरों को कार्यात्मक साक्षरता प्रदान करना है। मिशन के उद्देश्यों को पूरा करने के लिये विशिष्ट उपाय पहले ही से किये जा रहे हैं। इनमें शामिल हैं– जन-सहभागिता प्राप्त करना, स्वैच्छिक एजेंसियों की सहभागिता बढ़ाना, चालू